GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2726
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Price of Drugs
Noor Smt. Mausam

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether leading and prominent drug manufacturing companies are supplying drugs and medicines to hospitals at far less prices than the MRP, thereby giving a tool to hospitals to overcharge the patients;

(b) if so, the measures being taken/ taken by the Government to ensure that patients are not overcharged for these medicines and drugs;

(c) whether the Government would consider convening a meeting with leading drug and medicine manufacturers to find a solution to this problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b): The data regarding the price of supplies of drugs and medicines to hospitals is presently not being captured. The data of prices of medicines to Stockists, Price to Retailers and Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of the formulations is being monitored. When such complaints are received, it is not possible to segregate them into various heads such as purchased from chemists, hospitals and hospital pharmacy.

(c) & (d): The Government wherever required, discusses with all the leading drug and medicine manufacturers to find a solution to the problem which is an ongoing process.
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